

“LETTING YOU KNOW”

The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.

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APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING CERTIFICATION:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 30-22 (6) of the Illinois Procurement Code, the bidder must certify that it is a participant, either as an individual or part of a group program, in the approved apprenticeship and training programs applicable to each type of work or craft the bidder will perform with its own forces. The bidder further must certify that for work that will be performed by subcontract that each of its subcontractors submitted for approval either (a) is, at the time of such bid, participating in an approved, applicable apprenticeship and training program; or (b) will, prior to commencement of performance of work pursuant to this contract, begin participation in an approved apprenticeship and training program applicable to the work of the subcontract.

This requirement is located in paragraph K. Apprenticeship and Training Certification in the Proposal. This is not applicable to federal-aid projects. This certification and the required information **must** be submitted with the bid. Bids submitted for state funded projects that do not contain the required information will be declared non-responsive and the bid **will not** be read. On the last two Lettings several bidders did not provide the required information which caused their bids to be declared non-responsive and not read.

Paragraph K has been revised. Please read it carefully, and provide all the required information.

It is imperative that this and all areas for the bidding documents be submitted correctly and completely.

SUBCONTRACTOR MOBILIZATION PAYMENTS:

As a strategic part of the department's DBE goal setting document, a new Special Provision is being inserted into proposals for the April 29, 2005 Letting requiring contractors to make mobilization payments to their subcontractors.

ADDENDUM CHECKLIST:

The Addendum Checklist page has been revised. The Item Number will now be the link to any addendums and/or revisions for that Item. If you have any questions, please contact the Contracts office at (217) 782-7806.



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**PROFILE EQUIPMENT
VERIFICATION
PROGRAM:**

The department will be establishing a Profile Equipment Verification Program. This program will require all profile equipment used on projects incorporating the 0.00-inch blanking band profilograph testing to be verified on test tracks. Verification testing will take place the weeks of April 18 and April 25, 2005. A letter will be sent in the near future to the leaders of each industry organization. Please watch for information to be forwarded regarding the testing.

STEEL THEFT:

The department recently learned of the following information from the Iowa Department of Transportation: "The I-235 reconstruction project had approximately 10,000 pounds of steel diaphragms stolen the night of January 24, 2005. The diaphragms were stockpiled on site for placement on the 19th Street ramp bridge. If sold as scrap, it would net \$12,000 to \$14,000. The Iowa Department of Transportation has alerted other contractors and scrap yards in the area."

Contractors should note that with the high price of scrap they may wish to take added precautions in storing structural steel and other items to avoid the potential for theft.

**INDUSTRY/IDOT JOINT
TRAINING:**

This year's Industry/IDOT Joint Training has started and will continue through May. The training focuses on bridge construction issues. The seminars, conducted by IDOT instructors at IDOT training sites, are specifically targeted to superintendents, project engineers, estimators and foremen as well as IDOT construction staff.

The instructors will explain the background to plan details and specifications. Examples of good construction practices will also be highlighted. Topics include: Construction Submittal Process, Structure Excavation, Steel Erection, Bridge Deck Construction, and Bonded Construction Joints. Each session is limited to 25 attendees and pre-registration is required.

Contact the following for dates and locations of the training sessions:

All Locations Except Schaumburg

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**MANDATORY PRE-BID
CONFERENCES:**

In an effort to assist prime contractors in meeting the DBE goal and to increase opportunities for DBE firms, the department will hold Mandatory Pre-bid Conferences/Networking Sessions for select projects. Notice of such conference/session will be made in the Transportation Bulletin. Any contractor interested in bidding as a prime contractor on any of these projects **must** attend the relevant conference/session in order to be authorized to bid.
